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IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) An endless track comprising:
an iron link belt including a link unit assembly constructed of a plurality of link units connected to each other, each link unit including a pair of links;
a continuous pad including the same number of core metal plates as that of said plurality of link units and a single urethane rubber belt, each of said core metal plates being fixed to each of said plurality of link units, said urethane rubber belt being attached to a ground opposing surface of each of said core metal plates and being formed into a predetermined configuration so as to cover each of said core metal plates, said urethane rubber belt being continuous over all of said core metal plates; and
a connecting device for connecting said iron link belt and said continuous pad at said link units and said core metal plates, wherein said connecting device comprises at least one of a bolt-and-nut and a welding, said bolt-and-nut is welded to said core metal plate and is covered with urethane rubber of said urethane rubber belt, and
said iron link belt includes the same number of plates as that of said plurality of link units, each of said plates being welded to said pair of links of each of said plurality of link units of said link unit assembly and extending perpendicularly to a direction in which said link unit assembly extends,
each of said core metal plates of said continuous pad being fixed to each of said plates of said iron link belt,
said urethane rubber belt of said continuous pad including a small thickness portion positioned between two adjacent core metal plates of said core metal plates,
said iron link belt and said continuous pad being connected to each other by said connecting device at said plates and said core metal plates.

2. (Original) An endless track according to claim 1, wherein each of said pair of links comprises at least one of a bent plate link and a forged link.

3-5. (Cancelled)

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6. (Original) An endless track according to claim 1, wherein each of said core metal plates of said continuous pad extends perpendicularly to a direction in which said link unit assembly extends and is directly welded to said pair of links of each of said plurality of link units of said link unit assembly,

 said urethane rubber belt of said continuous pad including a small thickness portion between positioned two adjacent core metal plates of said core metal plates.

7. (Original) An endless track according to claim 1, wherein said iron link belt includes the same number of plates as that of said plurality of link units,

 each of said plates being welded to said pair of links of each of said plurality of link units of said link unit assembly and extending perpendicularly to a direction in which said link unit assembly extends,

 each of said core metal plates of said continuous pad being fixed to each of said plates of said iron link belt,

 said urethane rubber belt of said continuous pad including a normal thickness portion positioned between two adjacent core metal plates of said core metal plates,
 said iron link belt and said continuous pad being connected to each other by said connecting device at said plates and said core metal plates.

8. (Original) An endless track according to claim 1, wherein each of said core metal plates of said continuous pad extends perpendicularly to a direction in which said link unit assembly extends and is directly welded to said pair of links of each of said plurality of link units of said link unit assembly,

 said urethane rubber belt of said continuous pad including a normal thickness portion positioned between two adjacent core metal plates of said core metal plates.

9-16. (Cancelled)